

New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food
Bureau of Markets

**AGRICULTURAL NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT
GRANT PROGRAM**

Program Objective

The 2001 session of the New Hampshire Legislature passed legislation establishing an agricultural nutrient management grant program and funding it for two years. Those funds have been augmented by a grant from the NH Department of Environmental Services Nonpoint Source Program. The purpose of the program is to assist agricultural land and livestock owners with efforts to minimize adverse effects to waters of the state from agricultural nutrients including commercial fertilizers, animal manures and agricultural composts.

Program Basics

The Agricultural Nutrient Management (ANM) Grant Program seeks to provide financial, educational and technical assistance for livestock and agricultural land operations and related organizations with implementing Best Management Practices and such other measures necessary to prevent or mitigate water pollution. Applicants for ANM grants may apply for cost assistance of up to \$2,500 per year. There is no match required, however, in-kind services such as labor provided by the applicant will enhance the application. The majority of the funding will be used for on-farm projects that address the program objectives. Funding may also be utilized by organizations for educational projects.

Types of Projects

- Fencing livestock out of surface water
- Controlled wetland crossings
- Concrete pads for manure/compost storage
- Roofs for manure/compost storage
- Barn gutter/downspouts
- Pasture pumps or other watering systems as alternatives to surface water sources
- Vegetated buffers/Divergence berms

How to Apply

Applications, available from the Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food, may be submitted by individuals, businesses or organizations. Grants will be awarded in two rounds, December and June, for which applications must be received by the Department by December 1st and by June 1st, respectively. In addition, depending upon availability of funds, a special emergency grant application may be made when circumstances arise that the Department determines present a critical need for assistance. Grant recipients will be chosen based on the merits of the project as put forth in the application. The Department may visit the proposed applicant's site to view the project for suitability. Prior to receiving funding, successful applicants will sign an agreement with the Department indicating their responsibility to complete the proposed tasks and authorizing the Department to view and certify the project as complete. Payment of funds to the applicant may be made in installments contingent upon satisfactory completion of the project tasks.
Provide four (4) copies of the application.

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